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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 11867/8
Serial No. 09/986,598	Filing Date November 9, 2001	Examiner Mark Halpern	Group Art Unit 1731
Inventor(s) Barry Smith Fagg et al.			
Title of Invention Cigarette Rod Product with Different Densities			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment; and return post card..

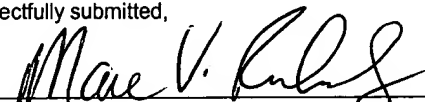
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a month extension of time.
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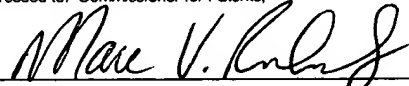
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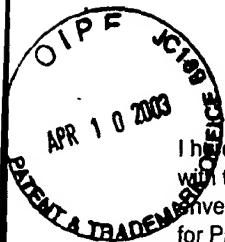
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2003, applicants respectfully
request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.